

In re Application of:

Docket No.: 03500.012641

Examiner: A. Patel

MASATO YAMANOBE, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/041,639

Filed: March 13, 1998 Group Art Unit: 2879

For: IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS Date: October 2, 2003

MAIL STOP RCE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

X An additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	48	MINUS	43	= 5	x \$9 \$18	\$ 90.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	14	MINUS	11	= 3	x \$43 \$86	\$258.00	
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$140°/\$280							
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$348.00	

°Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed pre-	vious	ly.
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X A check in the amount of \$ 348.00 is enclosed.

	Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.				
X	Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.				
	A check in the amount of \$ to cover the fee for a month extension is enclosed.				
	A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.				
X	Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.				
	Respectfully submitted,				
	Attorney for Applicants				

Scott D. Malpede

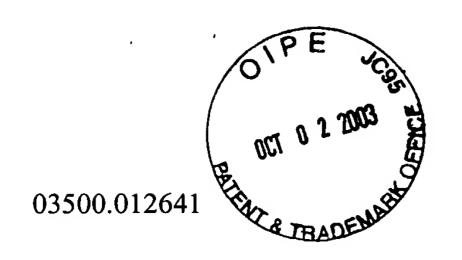
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: